THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) *Number of applications received*—66 (19 for selection felling and 47 for clear-felling).

(*b*) *Number of applications rejected*—20 (two for selection felling and 18 for clear-felling).

Number of applications allowed—11 (four for selection felling and seven for clear felling).

(*c*) *Number of applications received relating to Attappady Valley*—4 (two for selection felling and two for clear-felling).

Of these four applications, two were received from Sri M. C. Chandy (one for selection felling and one for clear-felling), one was received from Sri K. M. Jacob (for clear felling) and the remaining one was from Sri N. Balakrishna Panicker (for selection felling). The application from Sri N. Balakrishna Panicker is pending enquiry. The other three have been allowed.

* 2613 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any report in February or March 1955 from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Malappuram, that the rules relating to the felling of trees in private forests under the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949, are violated in Attappady in Malabar ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government to prevent such violation?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) In February 1955, the Assistant Collector, Malappuram, submitted a report to the Collector of Malabar regarding the irregularities noticed by him in the working of the private forests, by three permit-holders in Attappady.

(*b*) In the case of two of the three permit-holders the periods of the permits had already expired. In the case of the third permit-holder, there were no sufficient materials for any drastic action against him. The Collector therefore warned him against repetition of careless numbering and other irregularities. The Collector has also asked the District Forest Officer, Palghat, to take special care and precautions in recommending felling permits in Attappady valley. The Collector has also issued instructions that the chisel numbering of trees both at breast height and at stump height should be insisted upon before a permit is recommended.

* 2614 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that some cart-loads of firewood cut from the private forests in Attappadi were seized by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Malappuram, in February 1955; and

(*b*) if so how this firewood was disposed of by the Revenue Divisional Officer?